



Around the Bend

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Cuyahoga River Fight Continues

Both sides of the fight for the water that flows down the Cuyahoga River claimed victory after Portage County Common Pleas Judge John A. Enlow ruled on a lawsuit brought by river communities against the city of Akron.

Judge Enlow ruled on October 9th that although Akron can continue to control the flow of water out of Lake Rockwell, which dams the Cuyahoga from Kent back nearly 3 miles and 770 acres to the north, it must allow for non-motorized recreational use on the lake. This would be a considerable coup for canoeists. As it stands now, anyone paddling the upper Cuyahoga River must take out near Route 303 and shuttle down to the other side of Lake Rockwell to continue paddling.

Both sides immediately appealed the ruling, meaning any final decision could take another year. In addition, Judge Enlow delayed activation of his order to open the lake to recreational use until May, to give Akron time to implement rules and regulations and address any safety concerns about canoe or rowboat borne terrorist threats.



Ernie and Heather on the Cuyahoga River

2002 OHCRA EVENT SCHEDULE

March 11	Planning Meeting, 11:00 a.m., Fountain Square, Bldg. "E", Columbus, OH
April 27	Paint Creek Dave Caplinger (937) 393-2739
May 18/19	Big Darby Jim Wolf (614) 920-9214
June 1/2	East Fork Dave Petrik (513) 734-3009
July 20/21	Summer Outing George Tompkins (330) 358-2209
August 24/25	Little Miami River Ted Spradlin (513) 742-2459
September 28/29	To Be Announced Brad Buck (614) 476-2840
October 12/13	Mad River Dave Caplinger (937) 393-2739
November 10	Planning Meeting, 11:00 a.m., Fountain Square, Bldg. "E", Columbus, OH

Does anyone else have a river or creek to run? If you have an idea for a trip but have never sponsored one and are not sure what to do, ask one of us for help. We all planned our first trips with some fear of something going wrong, but it always works out ok! Everyone has a bad trip now and then.

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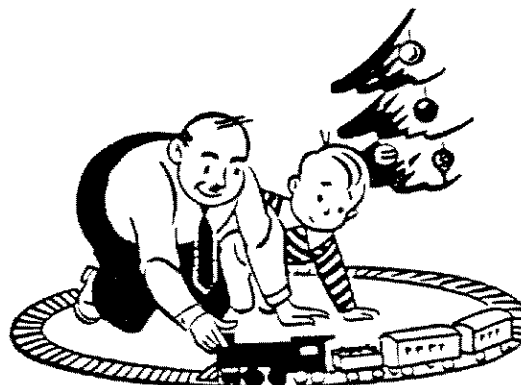
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November Planning Meeting

Jock reported to us on the November meeting. Next years' schedule was set and there was discussion about doing some out of state trips. Consensus was that if anyone is interested in leading a trip out of state, let someone know and we will put it on the calendar. Also it was reported that after several recounts, Dave Petrik was named to be President-Elect to this year's President, Jock Klinger. As President, Jock has pledged to increase the annual club budget for Jell-O shots per outing.



Online Newsletter

Many of you have expressed interest in getting the newsletter e-mailed to you. We have experimented with this idea and it just doesn't work. Because of the many different aspects of the newsletter it takes too long to upload and send copies via e-mail. **HOWEVER**, we do have a web site where you can view the newsletter. If you'd rather view the newsletter on the web site and no longer wish to have it mailed to you please e-mail me and we will take you off the mailing list only.

Paddling Gear Cold Weather

Helmet

Wear a good plastic or fiberglass helmet. Make sure that it protects your temples. A helmet is recommended for open canoeists on any river Class 3 or above.

Whistle



A must for communications. The sound of a whistle carries over the roar of the river and much further than that of the human voice.

Pouch

For storing valuables including car keys for the shuttle car and money for an emergency phone call.

Lifejacket

The lifejacket should fit snugly, yet allow freedom of movement. A vest type jacket (Type III) is more comfortable to wear, offers better protection to the lower back, and insulates better in cold weather than the inexpensive horse collar jacket (Type II PFD not shown).

Dry/Wetsuit

Made of a rubberized material the drysuit seals the paddler in a water tight shell. Normal paddling clothes can be worn underneath it. Made of neoprene the wetsuit (not pictured) traps and insulates a thin layer of warmwater next to the body. Both suits should protect the high heat loss areas of the arm pits, crotch and neck.

Sweater

Worn underneath the drysuit. Wool is good. Polypropylene is better. Avoid cotton. Its ability to "wick" moisture will actually make you colder. Layer your clothes so that you can put on or take off a sweater if you get too cold or hot. (optional) A knife may be carried to help free the paddler in case of entrapment.

Knife

Safety Rope or Throw Bag

Many experts carry a nylon sling with a carabiner or a mini-throw bag (not shown) which can quickly be used to rescue another boater.

Booties

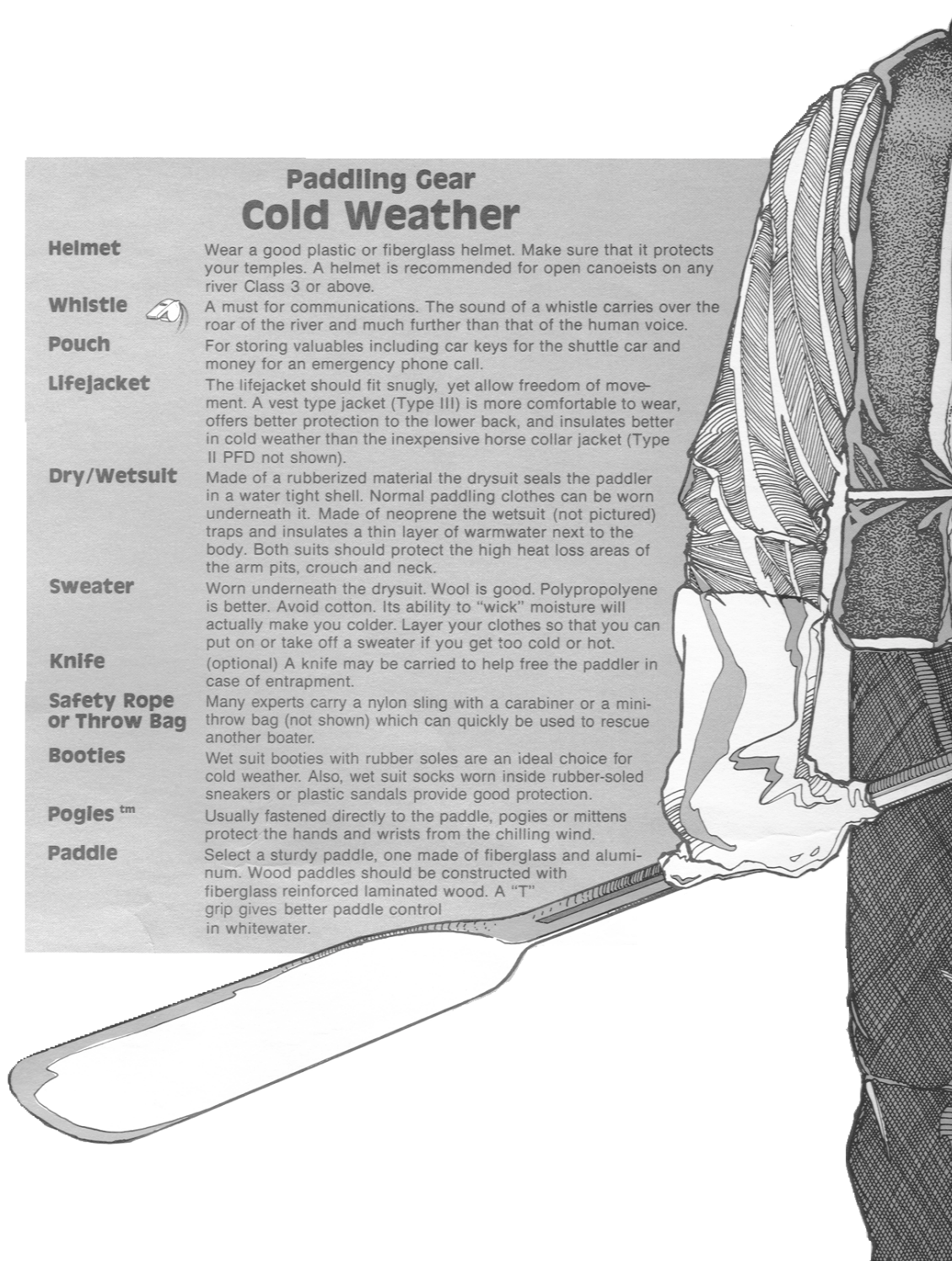
Wet suit booties with rubber soles are an ideal choice for cold weather. Also, wet suit socks worn inside rubber-soled sneakers or plastic sandals provide good protection.

Pogies™

Usually fastened directly to the paddle, pogies or mittens protect the hands and wrists from the chilling wind.

Paddle

Select a sturdy paddle, one made of fiberglass and aluminum. Wood paddles should be constructed with fiberglass reinforced laminated wood. A "T" grip gives better paddle control in whitewater.



Geocaching – High Tech Fun

On May 1st, 2000, the Clinton Administration removed the GPS signal degradation known as Selective Availability (SA). One May 3rd, a container of goodies were hidden outside of Portland, Oregon. By May 6th the container (cache) was visited twice. Thus was born a new game.

Mike Teague was the first person to find the container and he built the first web site to document his find. Soon others were hiding caches and contacting Mike to post the coordinates of their hidden treasures on his web site. By September of that year, Jeremy Irish had contacted Mike about building a new, improved site with maps, virtual logbooks and more and they decided to call this new game Geocaching. Since that time the sport has spread to all fifty states and over 30 countries.

Geocaching involves using your GPS to follow a set of coordinates to a location. Once there you use additional clues to find the hidden cache. Caches are usually Tupperware containers or sections of pvc pipe fashioned with end



Some of the treasure found in a N.C. Cache

caps that contain a log book and something to write with, some times a camera (to record your picture), and goodies that people leave behind. You are only asked to log your find in the book. You make take a treasure, but only

if you leave a new one behind for the next adventurer.

Caches may be located anywhere. We have not heard of one yet that is accessible only by canoe, but that doesn't mean there isn't one, *yet*. The official web site of Geocaching is www.geocaching.com.



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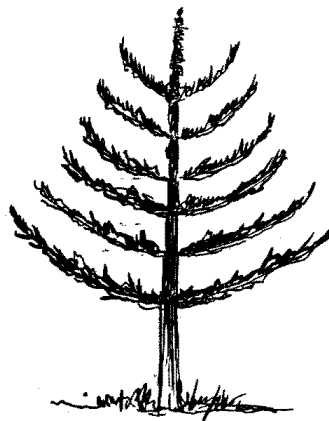
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